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Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, January 19, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, January 19, 1844

. . . . My health is very feeble. I have not been able to leave my room for sometime unless in a warm day when I get to the collonade to breath for a short time a little fresh air. The Hon'ble R. J. walker of the senate writes me, 1 that the bill reversing the fine will be passed by the Senate. I want to see How our senators will vote upon the subject. The whiggs here have got into a dilemma.

1 See p. 255, ante.

You are allways projecting something to add to my fame. the Whiggs and Federalist never can swallow any thing to be placed in the rotunda that will add to my memory. be this as it may, I feel as grateful to you for the effort as if they did. I thank you for the profer of that interresting work you are reading. Present me to the chief Justice, judge Catron and his lady, tell her, I have been daily expecting her promised letter. She has ample material for one. Should you see Genl. Hunter, Gibson and Major Nolen give them my compliments.

I cannot help feeling grateful to the President for his letter to the committee of invitation to the democratic celebration, with his toast. I was happy to see the honor done to it by the company. I must close, I am writing by candlelight, and feeble. May heavens choicest blessings light upon you and yours is the prayer of your friend